Supply of Coal to brick-kilns of Jammu & Kashmir

1285. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal is being supplied to the brick-kilns of Jammu and Kashmir by the Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL);

(b) if so, the year-wise and brick-kiln wise details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the criteria being followed in this regard;

(d) whether there is any provision in the roles for appointment of an agent by the owner of brick-klln for the disposal of this work;

(e) If so, the details thereof;

(f) the year-wise details of Coal supplied through agent during the last three years; and

(g) the percentage of commission given to agents as per rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The information is being obtained and to the extent possible will be iaid on the Table of the House.

(c) Coal is released to the Brick Kilns on the basis of sponsorship/license issued by the Director/Dy. Director, Food and Supplies Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

(d) to (f). Coal Company releases coal directly to the sponsoree as per sponsorship issued by the Government of J & K and not in the name of any agent. However, actual consumers do appoint middlemen/agents as their authorised representatives for handling their despatch. The Coal Company does not have details of how many sponsorees are lifting their allocation of coal through authorised representatives.

(g) No information is available either with the Government or Coal Company regarding Commissions paid to the agents by their principals.

Tenders for middling coal from Giddi (A) Project of CCL

1286. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders were invited recently for the allocation of middling coal extracted from the Giddi (A) Project of Central Coalfields Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of tenders received; and

(c) the time by which these tenders are likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). As reported by CIL, tenders were floated on 10.1.1991 inviting offers for bulk purchase of Middlings/ Rejects/Slurry/Dirty Slurry from the Coal washeries of Central Coalfields Ltd., Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., and Western Coalfields Limited. In response to this tender notice, 106 offers were received from 94 tenderers for washery products of Giddi, Kathara, kargali & Nandan Washeries. 46 offers were received for Giddi Washery, and of these 32 offers were found to be vaiid.

(c) Tenders were opened on 4.3.91 at CIL headquarters, Calcutta and tender recommendations were finalised. Offer letters have been issued to 64 tenderers including 32 for Giddi Middlings, directing them to comply with further requirements of the tender. All those who have complied with the full requirements have been allowed to lift the materials.

Teesta barrage Project

1287. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the

Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the broad features of the Teesta Barrage Project and the benefits likely to be derived therefrom;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the project so far; and

(c) the share of the Union Government therein?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Teesta Barrage Project (First sub-stage of Stage-I) comprises of three barrages across the Teesta, the Mahananda and the Dauk rivers and Teesta-Mahananda link canal alongwith Mahananda, Dauk-Nagar, Nagar-Tangon, Teesta-Jaldhaka Main Canals supported by extensive distribution system. It also envisages generation of 67.5 Mega Watt hydro-power from the canal falls on the Mahananda Main Canal. The planned irrigation potential of the project is about 5.27 lakh hectares to benefit the districts of Jalpaigurl, Darjeeling, West Dinajpur, Cooch Bihar and Malda.

(b) An expenditure of about Rs. 352 crores have been incurred upto the end of June, 1991 against the late estimated cost of Rs. 695 crores of the project.

(c) There is no share of Union Government in the Project, however, special Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores during 1983-84 and advance plan assistance of Rs. 15 crores during 1986-87 and Rs. 10 crores during 1987-88 was provided for the project.

Production of Wheat

1288. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of wheat during the last three years in Punjab, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a decline in production; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The estimated production of wheat in the State of Punjab during the last three years is as under:

	(lakh tonnes)
1988-89	115.8
1989-90	116.8
1990-91 (Final)	121.6

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Production of Natural Gas

1289. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a plant to increase the production of natural gas to meet the demands of various States;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity of natural gas produced during the last three years and the quantity of natural gas supplied to various States, State-wise; and

(c) the extent of quantity of natural gas the Government propose to increase for supply to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The gas produced in the year 1088-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is 13214, 16989 and 17938 million cubic metres respectively. Statewise use is as follows:-